

The Director of Central Intelligence

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Dear Mr. Churchill,

Thanks so much for your very nice note. I indeed enjoyed the chance to visit and to exchange ideas.

You asked me a question which I was embarrassed not to be able to answer. In essence, you wondered at the relative contribution of the United States and the Soviet Union in economic aid around the world. Over the past five years the ratio has been about four to one in favor of the United States. In terms of percentage of GNP, this means the United States is contributing about twice as much as are the Soviets. It might only be fair to point out, however, that U.S. assistance has primarily been in the provision of food and other agricultural products, stemming in large measure from the U.S. surplus capacity in these areas. The Soviet Union's aid has been more in the form of industrial goods.

I hope to have a chance to see you again here or in London one of these days.

All the best.

Yours sincerely,



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